Module – 2013 Fire Season Summary

Overview

This module will summarize the 2013 fire season and provide some season statistics. A discussion of local highlights, lessons learned and the upcoming fire season will be led by local experts.

Exercise

Students will be briefed by local experts on highlights, lessons learned, and the outlook for the upcoming fire season

2013 FATALITIES, ENTRAPMENTS AND SERIOUS ACCIDENTS
As Reported by the Risk Management Committee

TYPE	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS	FATALITIES
Entrapment	1	0
Burnover	1	19
Engines, Dozers, ATVs, and Vehicles	4	0
Heart Attack	4	3
Hazard Trees	3	3
Other	10	6
Driving	3	3
Aviation	0	0

2013 Wildland Fire Statistics

46,839 Wildfires
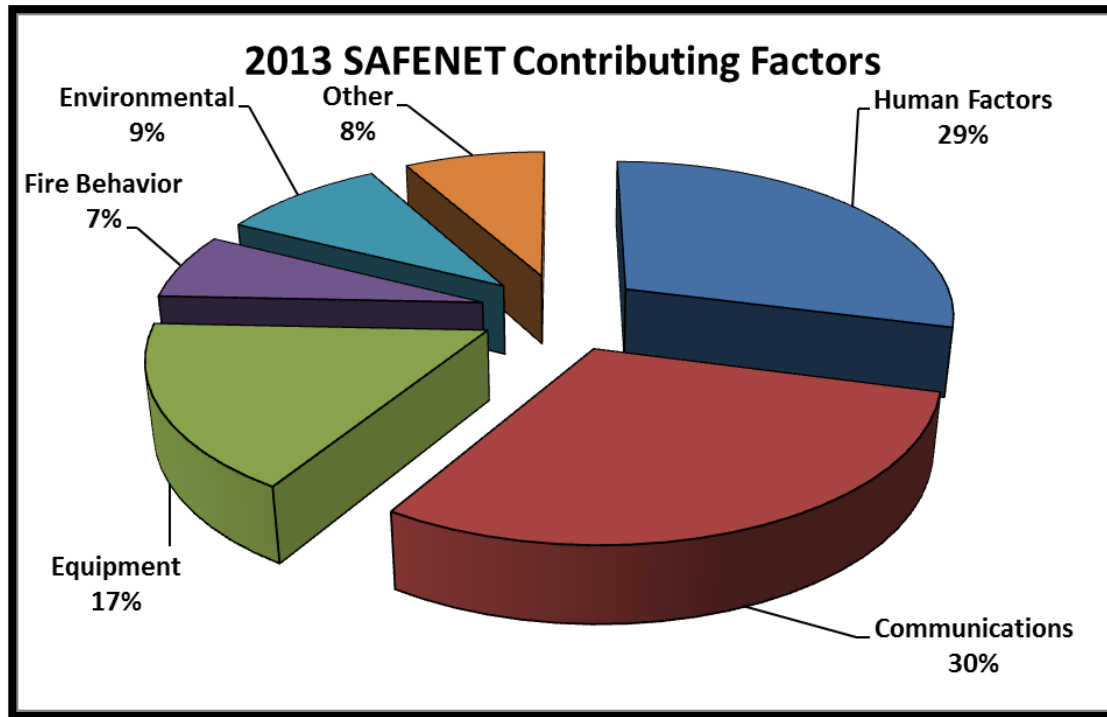
4,308,297 Acres

5-Year Average	10-Year Average
68,048 Fires	73,350 Fires
6,340,332 Acres	7,298,319 Acres

2013 SAFENET Contributing Factors

Environmental 9%
Other 8%
Human Factors 29%
Fire Behavior 7%
Equipment 17%
Communications 30%
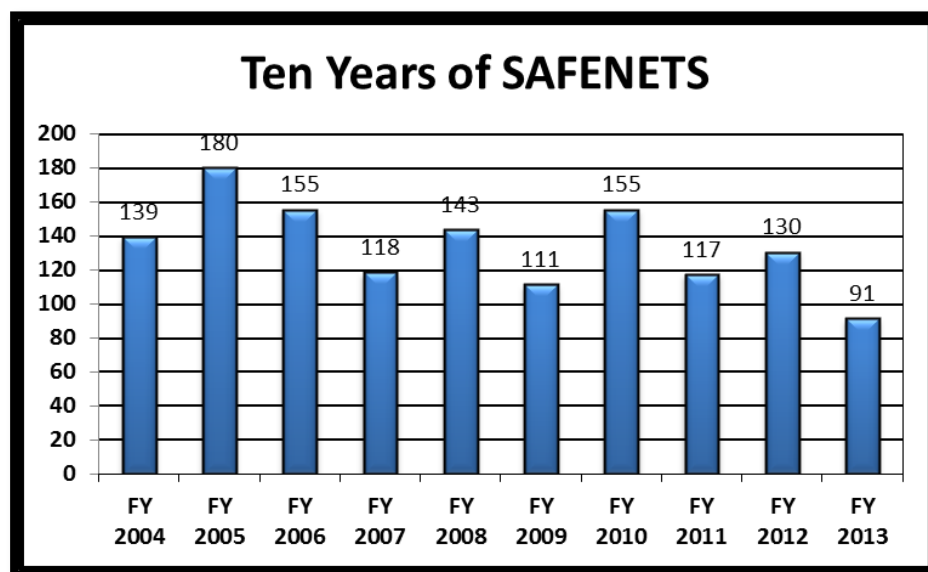
The SAFENET system is intended solely as a tool for wildland firefighters and fire management. Its objective is to provide a forum for firefighters to voice their safety concerns, facilitate problem solving, and to aid in identifying trends as they relate to firefighter safety. There were 91 SAFENETS submitted in 2013.To submit a SAFENET: http://safenet.nifc.gov/safenet.nsf/SAFEPOST?OpenPage
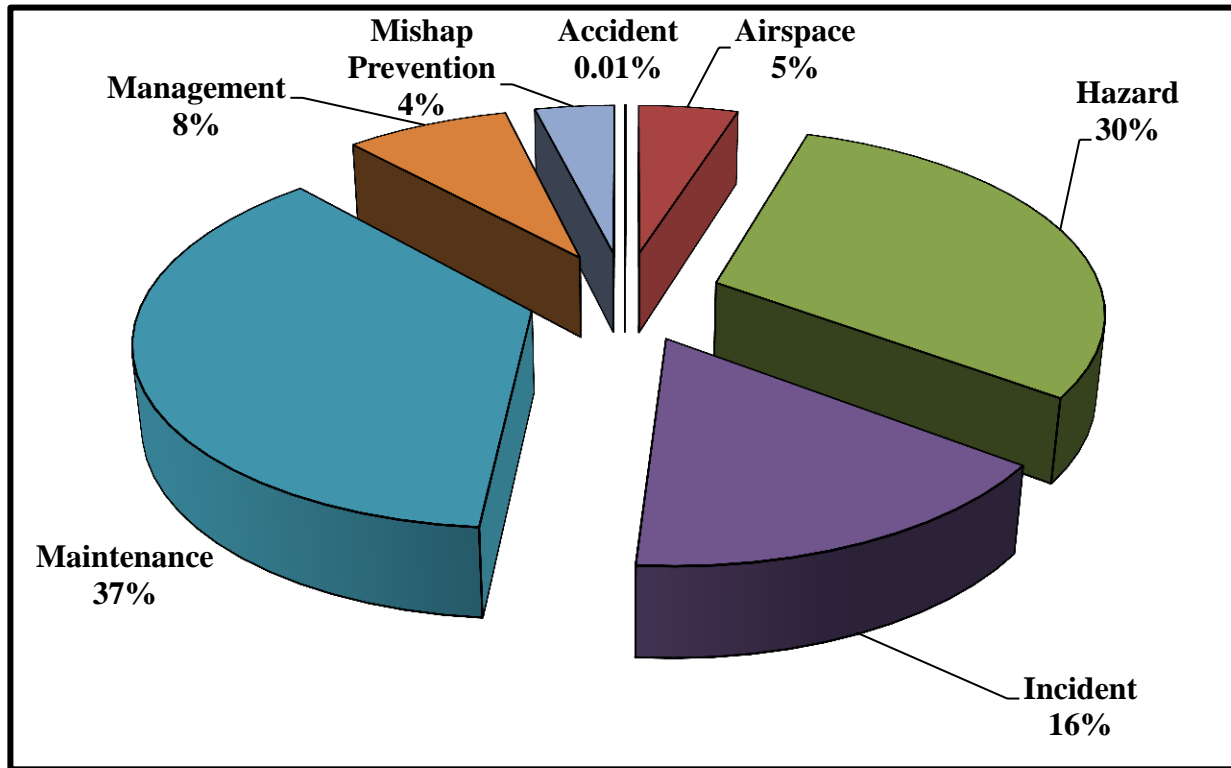
Ten Years of SAFENETS

FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
139	180	155	118	143	111	155	117	130	91

2013 SAFECOM – By Category

Mishap Prevention 4% — Accident 0.01% — Airspace 5% — Management 8% — Hazard 30% — Maintenance 37% — Incident 16%

SAFECOMs are for reporting any condition, observation, act, maintenance problem, or circumstance with personnel or the aircraft that has the potential to cause an **aviation-related** mishap. The SAFECOM system is not intended for initiating punitive actions. Submitting a SAFECOM is not a substitute for "on-the-spot" correction(s) to a safety concern. It is a tool used to identify, document, track and correct safety related issues. A SAFECOM does not replace the requirement for initiating an accident or incident report. There were 833 SAFECOM Reports in 2013.

To Submit a SAFECOM:
https://www.safecom.gov/entry.asp

Explore the new **Tech Tools** web page on the WFSTAR website. Tech Tools purpose is to provide a place for firefighters to get technology that helps them do their job safer and more efficiently.

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